# DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION AND AI IN INSURANCE

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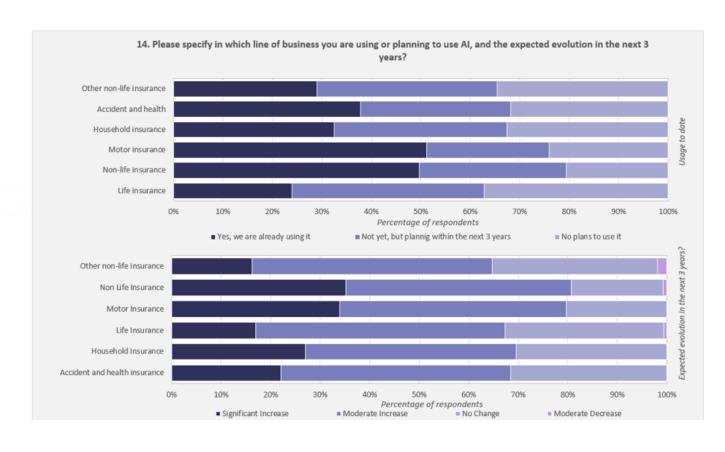
# EIOPA'S PAST WORK ON AI MAIN ACTIVITIES IN RECENT YEARS

2019 EIOPA thematic review on Big Data Analytics in motor and health insurance (<u>link</u>) 2020 Discussion Note on the Supervision of Machine Learning algorithms (internal) 2021 Al governance principles report developed by EIOPA's Stakeholder Group on Digital Ethics (link) 2022 Supervisory Statement on differential pricing practices (<u>link</u>) 2023 Digitalisation Market Monitoring survey – Report published in May 2024 (link) 2024 Al Act work and Al Opinion – Published in February 2025 (link)



## MARKET MONITORING CURRENT AND EXPECTED USE OF AI

- Al is used by 50% of non-life insurers and by 24% of life insurers
- The use of AI is expected to increase significantly in all lines of business in the next 3 years.
- The survey was launched shortly after the release of Generative AI models such as ChatGPT
- Al is most often used with human oversight: the Al model advises or supports human who makes decision - model suggests answer.





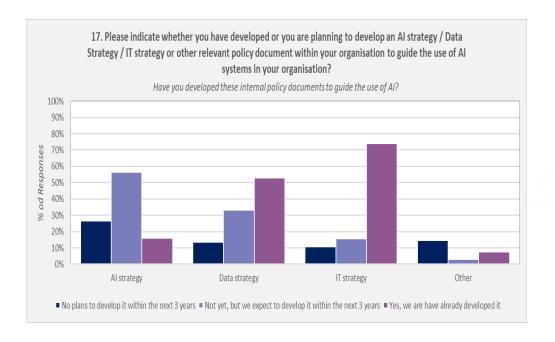
# MARKET MONITORING AI USE CASES IN INSURANCE

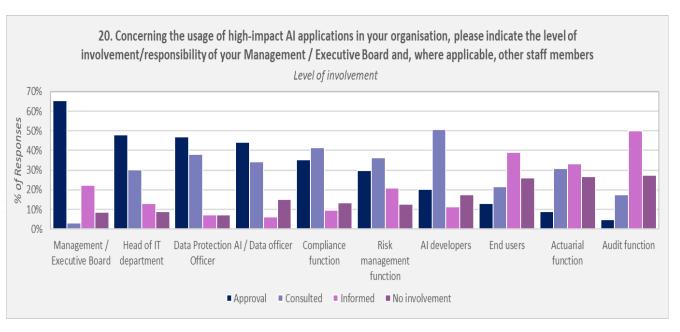
- Pricing, claims management and sales and distribution are the areas of the insurance value chain where there are a greater number of AI use cases.
- Most insurance undertakings using AI do it on selected areas of the insurance value chain, while some of them are using it throughout the complete value chain
- Chatbots is the most popular AI use case
- 66% of the reported use cases are developed in-house, and the remaining 34% are outsourced from 3rd party service provider





# MARKET MONITORING AI GOVERNANCE



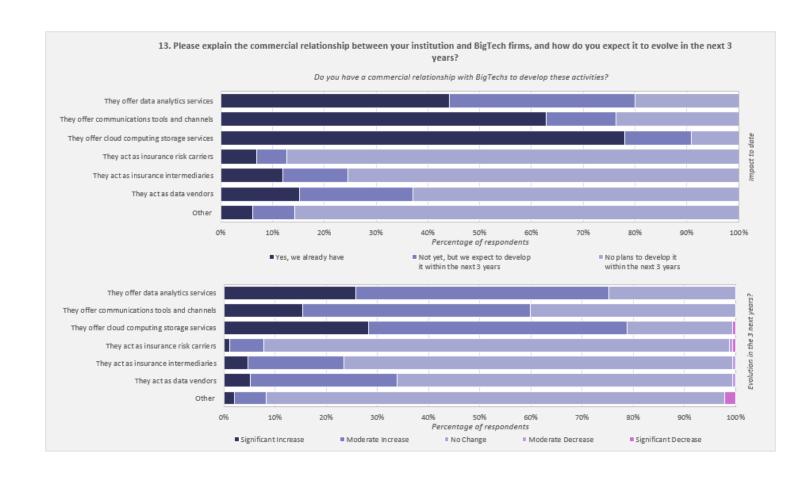


- Majority of respondents show Data Strategy and IT Strategy in place, while AI strategy lags behind
- The involvement of different staff depends on the AI use cases and the organisational structure of the insurer
- Management / Executive Board mostly responsible for approval of high-impact AI use cases



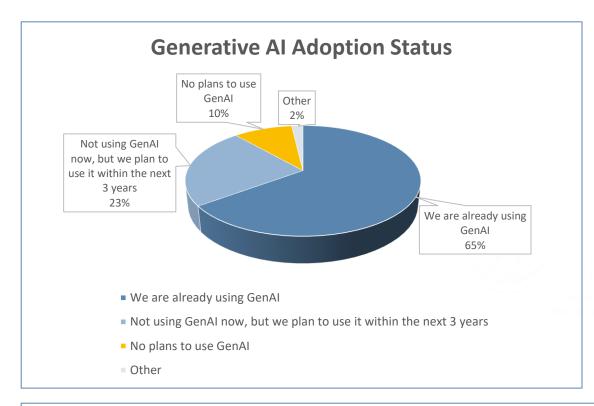
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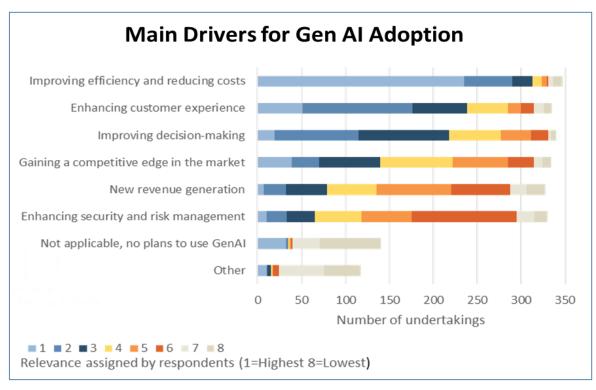
- Almost 80% of insurers outsource cloud computing services from BigTechs
- Outsourcing of cloud computing and data analytics (e.g. Al) expected to significantly increase in the next 3 years
- Some BigTechs are licensed insurance distributors (e.g., via large online retail platforms)
- Insurance undertakings have adopted different strategies regarding InsurTech start-ups





### **GENERATIVE AI ADOPTION AND IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES**



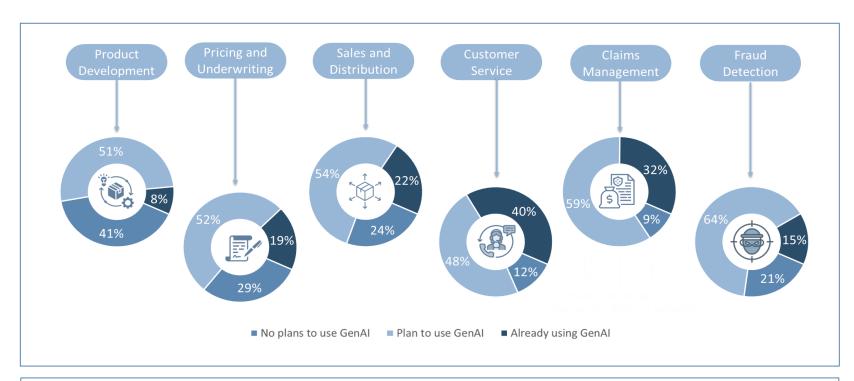


#### Key takeaways:

- Gen AI adoption has already started, almost 65% of insurance undertakings are already actively using Gen AI today, and a further 23% are planning to implement it within the next three years.
- Improving efficiency ,reducing costs and enhancing customer experience are the main motives for adopting Generative Al systems



### GEN AI USE CASES ACROSS THE INSURANCE VALUE CHAIN



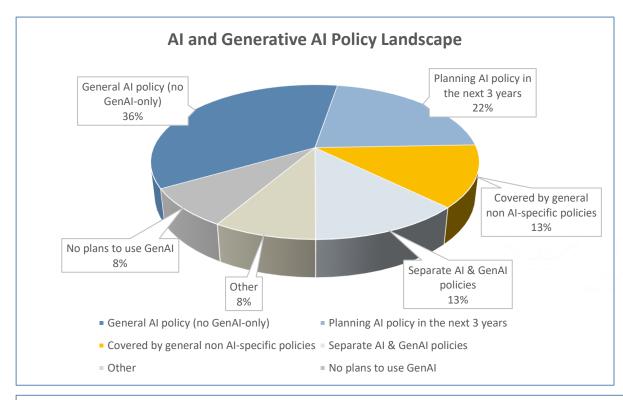
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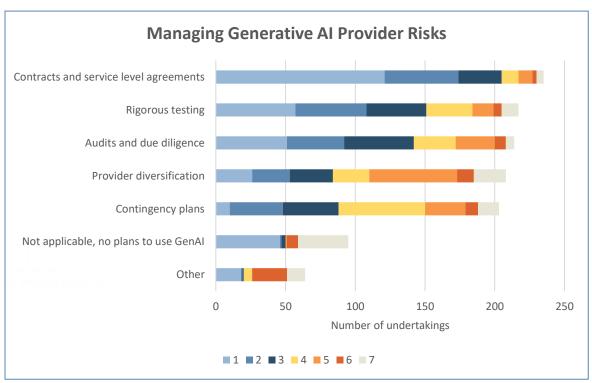
- Current Gen AI uses cases are focused on Customer Service and Claims Management,
   while top future interest is in areas like Fraud Detection.
- Most GenAl use cases remain in early development **64% overall**, and for customer-facing ones, **75% are Prof of Concepts** while only **25% are implemented**.
- Assisted Gen AI uses cases dominates (>50%), but Agentic AI adoption is expected to grow from  $2\% \rightarrow 16\%$ , seen by many firms as transformative tech over the next 3–5 yrs.

Identified Use Cases	Examples
Conversational AI	Customer Q&A,, contract updates.
Writing & Content Generation	Draft emails, marketing content.
Data Extraction	Invoices, reports, voice insights.
Text Summarization	Medical reports, contracts.
Knowledge Management (RAG)	Employee search tools, underwriting LLMs.
Code Assistants	Coding help, test scripts.
Process Automation	Invoice processing, email routing.
Translation	Policies, FAQs.
Scenario Modeling	Risk and pricing analysis.



### **GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT OF GEN AI SYSTEMS**





#### Key takeaways:

- A significant **governance gap** exists, as only **13%** of undertakings have a dedicated policy for Generative AI. The largest group **(36%)** relies on general AI policies that may not address the unique risks of this new technology.
- When managing risks from third-party providers, undertakings overwhelmingly rely on traditional methods. **Contracts and Service Level Agreements** are the most widely used risk management tool, followed by **rigorous testing** and **audits**.



## AI ACT OVERVIEW

- Objectives: Promote the uptake of AI while ensuring a high level of protection of health, safety, fundamental rights (...) and to support innovation.
- Horizontal: applies to all applications of Al across all sectors and applications.
- Risk based approach: The higher the risk, the stricter the rules.
- Shared responsibility: Rights and obligations to different stakeholders in the Al value chain (e.g. providers, deployers).

#### **General Purpose Al**

**Prohibited**: unacceptable as contravening Union values.

**High-risk:** comprehensive set of obligations for the systems, their providers and deployers.

Other than high risk: transparency obligations, a general Al literacy requirement and voluntary codes.



## AI ACT HIGH RISK AI SYSTEMS - INSURANCE USE CASE

- Most of the requirements of the AI Act apply to AI systems identified as high-risk.
- High risk use cases in the insurance sector:

All systems intended to be used for risk assessment and pricing in relation to natural persons in the case of life and health insurance.

- All systems for the purpose of detecting fraud in the offering of financial services and for prudential purposes to calculate credit institutions' and insurances undertakings' capital requirements should not be considered as high-risk.
- **Implementation work**: COM Guidelines to be developed by the Commission (including a list of practical examples of high risk and non-high risk use cases of AI systems)



# AI ACT GOVERNANCE AND RISK-MANAGEMENT FOR HIGH-RISK AI SYSTEMS

Governance and risk-management requirements for high-risk AI systems

Use high-quality **training**, **validation** and **testing data** (relevant, representative etc.)

Establish and impleme nt risk manage ment systems

Establish **documentation** and **record-keeping** logging features (traceability & auditability)

Ensure appropriate certain degree of transparency and provide users with information (on how to use the system)

Ensure **human oversight** (measures built into the system and/or to be implemented by users)

Ensure **robustness**, **accuracy** and **cybersecurity** 

#### ☐ Providers of high-risk AI systems

- Ensure that AI systems comply with the obligations outlined above.
- Registration in the EU database, quality management system (including post-market monitoring), maintaining documentation, and ensuring that systems undergo a conformity assessment and affix the CE marking.
- Limited derogations (risk management, quality management, documentation keeping, post market monitoring).
- Implementation work: Guidelines to be developed by the Commission and harmonised standards (CEN-CENELEC).



#### **HIGH-RISK AI SYSTEMS: DEPLOYERS**

#### Deployers

- Use high-risk AI systems in accordance with the instructions
- Assign human oversight and inform the provider or distributor, or the MSA and suspend the
  use of the system in case they identify any serious incident or malfunctioning.
- Ensure that input data is relevant in view of the intended purpose of the high-risk AI system and keep the logs
- Prior to the first use conduct a fundamental rights impact assessment
- **Derogations** for financial institutions to internal governance frameworks: monitoring obligation; obligation to keep the logs.
- ☐ Implementation work: The AI Office shall develop a template for a questionnaire, including through an automated tool, to facilitate deployers to implement the impact assessment obligation.



# AI ACT HIGH-RISK AND OTHER THAN HIGH-RISK

#### Transparency:

- All systems which <u>directly interact with individuals</u>: inform individuals that they are interacting with an All system.
- Al systems generating synthetic content: mark outputs as artificially generated.
- Specific transparency requirements for deployers of emotion recognition or biometric categorization systems and for AI systems of deep fake content.
- Information must be provided clearly and distinctly to individuals at the latest at the time of their first interaction or exposure.
- Implementation work: The Commission shall develop guidelines.



# AI ACT REMEDIES (INDIVIDUALS' RIGHTS)

- ☐ Any natural or legal person has the **right to**... **lodge a complaint** with a NCA or the Al Office (Article 85).
- Any affected person subject to a decision based on the output from a high-risk AI system and which produces legal effects or similarly significantly affects him or her in a way that they consider to adversely impact their health, safety and fundamental rights... **right to request from the deployer clear and meaningful explanations** on the role of the AI system in the decision-making procedure and the main elements of the decision taken (Article 86).



### AI ACT GENERAL PURPOSE AI MODELS

- **GPAI model:** Al model that displays significant generality and is capable to competently perform a wide range of distinct tasks and that can be integrated into a variety of downstream systems or applications.
- Obligations for providers of GPAI and GPAI with systemic risk
  - Transparency obligations, including drawing up technical documentation.
  - Closely cooperate with the providers of the high-risk AI systems that integrate the GPAI model.
  - · Make publicly available information of the content used for training the GPAI model
  - Cooperate with the Commission and NCAs
  - Codes of Practice to demonstrate compliance with the obligations.
  - Additional requirements for GPAI with systemic risk
  - Some exceptions apply for GPAI models under free open license. **Implementation work:** The AI Office shall develop a template for a questionnaire, including through an automated tool, to facilitate deployers to implement the impact assessment obligation.
- Implementation work: The AI Office is responsible for the monitoring the implementation and application of rules on GPAI models



# AI OPINION INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE AI ACT AND INSURANCE LEGISLATION

	AIACT	INSURANCE LEGISLATION	
OBJECTIVES	<ul> <li>protection of fundamental rights, health, and safety</li> </ul>	> consumer protection, solvency, and financial stability	
GOVERNANCE	<ul> <li>The AI Act introduces a comprehensive governance and risk management framework for providers of high-risk AI systems. Insurance undertakings as providers or deployers of high-risk AI systems already have to comply with a comprehensive system of governance requirements.</li> <li>To address potential overlaps the AI Act introduces limited derogations applicable to undertakings subject to Solvency II, e.g. risk management system, post-market monitoring system.</li> </ul>		
SCOPE	<ul> <li>Al systems, providers and users</li> <li>requirements primarily focused on high-risk use cases</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>activities of direct insurance and reinsurance</li> <li>activities of insurance and reinsurance distribution</li> </ul>	
OUTSOURCING	Using third-party AI systems could be considered outsourcing under Solvency II. The AI Act establishes different obligations and responsibilities for the different actors of the AI value chain (e.g. providers, deployers, importers etc.). However, insurance undertakings remain fully responsible for all their obligations under Solvency II when they outsource functions or any insurance activities.		



# AI OPINION SCOPE AND OBJECTIVE

- The Opinion provides guidance on the principles and requirements in insurance sector legislation that should be considered in relation the use of Al systems in insurance that are not prohibited Al practices or considered as high-risk Al systems under the Al Act
- The Opinion is based on the definition of Al systems of the Al Act
- The objective is twofold:
  - promote supervisory convergence amongst NCAs to ensure a responsible us of AI systems in insurance
  - provide clarity on the supervisory expectations on the interpretation of provisions of insurance legislation in the context of AI systems, including to reflect risk-based and proportionality considerations



## AI OPINION RISK BASED APPROACH AND PROPORTIONALITY

#### **Key legal provisions**

- Article 41 Solvency II Directive: insurance undertakings need to have in place an effective system of governance which provides for a sound and prudent management of the business, which shall be proportionate to the nature, scale, and complexity of the operations
- Article 25 Insurance Distribution Directive (IDD): requires undertakings to maintain, operate and review a process for the approval of insurance products which shall be proportionate and appropriate to the nature of the insurance product

#### **Key elements**

- Undertakings should <u>assess the risk</u> of the different AI use cases
- Develop proportionate measures, tailored to the specific AI use cases, that ensures the responsible use of AI



### AI OPINION RISK MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- The Opinion follows a principles-based approach, and it is in line with the underlying principles of the AI Act and other international initiatives in this area
- Undertakings should assess their risk and develop governance and risk management measures adequate and proportionate to the characteristics of the use cases at hand
- Holistic approach to Al governance: a responsible use of Al is achieved by a combination of measures and not by a single / stand-alone one.





# EIOPA'S UPCOMING WORK ON AI ACTIVITIES IN 2025/6

An **Al project group** has been created in EIOPA's new Digital Finance Steering Committee, with 3 workstreams:

#### Al Act workstream

- Continue to assess the impact on the insurance sector and develop a common approach.
- Participate in the Al Board's Finance working group

#### Al Guidance workstream

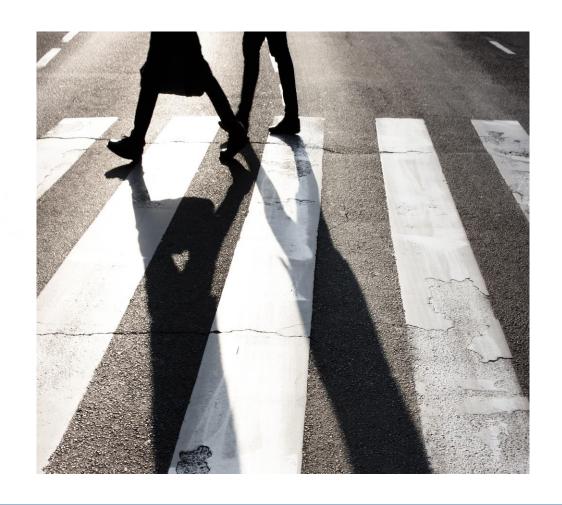
 Finalise the AI Opinion and subsequently develop further guidance on specific use cases or issues

#### Al Supervision workstream

Develop and AI Chapter in the Supervisory Handbook

#### **Market Monitoring:**

Generative AI market survey





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